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ATTN: AEC SCI REP

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SUBJECT: AEC-JAEB TECHNICAL EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT ON REGULATORY
MATTERS

REF: TOKYO 0392

1. PLEASE ADVISE IHARA THAT WE ALSO ARE OBTAINING FINAL APPROVAL
FOR SIGNATURE OF THE SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT, AND PROPOSE TO HIM THE
FOLLOWING:

A. WE WILL SEND TWO, SIGNED OROGINAL COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT
TO JAPAN, THRU AEC SCI REP, FOR SIGNATURE BY THE JAPANESE,
RETENTION OF ONE COPY, AND RETURN OF ONE SIGNED COPY.

B. WE PROPOSE TO HOLD MEETING TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ITEMS OF
EXCHANGE. WE INVITE IHARA AND OTHERS OF HIS CHOICE TO VISIT
WASHINGTON FOR THIS MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1974 OR AS SOON THERE-
AFTER AS FEASIBLE.

C. IN THE INTERIM, UNTIL THIS MEETING CAN BE HELD, WE PROPOSE TO
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BEGIN THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE AS OON AS THE ARRANGEMENT IS

SIGNED:

C.1 REPORTS OF ABNORMAL OCCURRENCES - INITIALLY, WE WILL SEND A COMPLETE, COMPUTERIZED LISTING OF ALL ABNORMAL OCCURRENCES SINCE JANUARY 1, 1973, (AS DEFINED IN REG GUIDE 1.16). THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP WITH A SUPPLEMENT EVERY SIX MONTHS SUMMARIZING ALL SUCH REPORTS IN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD. THE FORMAT OF THESE REPORTS WAS TRANSMITTED TO IHARA THRU MURAKAMI. FOR THE PERIODS BETWEEN THE SIX-MONTH REPORTS, WE WILL SEND TO JAPAN THE SERIES ENTITLED "DIRECTORATE OF REGULATORY OPERATIONS, MONTHLY INSPECTION SUMMARY REPORT" WHICH REPORTS ALL IMPORTANT INCIDENTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN SIMILAR INFO FROM JAPAN.

C.2 CONTAINMENT ANALYSIS CODES - AEC WILL COMPLETE WORK ON SEVERAL NEW CONTAINMENT CODES DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. WE KNOW JAPANESE ARE ALSO DOING WORK IN THIS AREA. WE PROPOSE INITIALLY TO EXCHANGE WITH THE JAPANESE SCHEDULES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CODES BEING DEVELOPED, THEN TO EXCHANGE CODES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. WE PROPOSE TO HOLD PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH THE JAPANESE ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE CODES AND THEIR USAGE AND TO PROVIDE EARLY DRAFTS OF REPORTS AND COPIES OF THE COMPUTER PROGRAMS.

C.3 LOCA ANALYSIS PACKAGE - AEC IS PREPARING SPECIAL COMPUTER CODE PACKAGE TO CALCULATE LOCA AND ECCS AS SPECIFIED IN ECCS CRITERIA ANNOUNCED BY AEC IN DECEMBER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT RELAP 4, THE COMPUTER CODE PACKAGE CONTAINING MOST OF THIS SOFTWARE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE OECD ISPRA CODE CENTER SOMETIME IN MID-SUMMER 1974. IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY, WE PROPOSE TO BRIEF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REGULATORY EXPERTS ON THE CODE AND ITS USAGE AND GIVE THEM REPORTS AND COPIES OF THE COMPUTER PROGRAM BEFORE IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH NORMAL PROCEDURES USED FOR FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. WE WOULD ALSO HOLD PERIODIC MEETINGS, AFTER THE CODE IS IN USE, TO APPRISE THE JAPANESE OF NEW CHANGES BEING INCORPORATED INTO THE CODE. IN EXCHANGE, WE PROPOSE THAT THE JAPANESE REGULATORY OFFICIALS WOULD GIVE US A REPORT ON THEIR CURRENT METHODS AND CODES FOR COMPUTING LOCA, AND SIMILAR INFORMATION ON THE EXACT ANALYSIS THEY ARE USING AND ON CHANGES THEY ARE MAKING IN THE ANALYSIS.

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C.4 EXCHANGE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - AEC HAS BEEN SENDING TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ALL AEC PRESS RELEASES; AND AEC REGULATION, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, HAS BEEN NOTIFYING THE JAPANESE OF IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON REGULATORY MATTERS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT JAPANESE REACTORS. REGULATION IS ALSO SENDING PROMPTLY COPIES OF UNPUBLISHED TECHNICAL REPORTS SUPPORTING THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED SIMILAR EARLY NOTICE OF A TECHNICAL PROBLEM

IN JAPAN. WE PROPOSE TO FORMALIZE THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND TO RECEIVE REGULARLY SIMILAR JAPANESE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS.

2. FYI: THE JAPANESE HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING WITH SUGGESTIONS OF SPECIFIC EXCHANGE CATEGORIES. WE HAVE NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO SEND MUCH INFORMATION AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL BRIEFINGS FOR MANY JAPANESE VISITORS. END FYI

3. PLEASE PASS TO THE JAPANESE ITEMS 1A, B, AND C ABOVE, AND REQUEST THAT IHARA GIVE EARLY ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSALS OF THIS TELEGRAM. PLEASE FOLLOW UP IF NO ANSWER IS RECEIVED WITHIN A FEW DAYS, AND NOTIFY US SOON OF ANY REACTIONS IN ANY MEETINGS YOU HOLD WITH THE JAPANESE. KISSINGER

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